

HARBORMASTER TRAINING COUNCIL

January 22, 2015

WEYMOUTH POLICE STATION

10:00AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: C Hunter (Chairman), R Lesch (Vice Chairman), G Fraser (Clerk), R Akin, J Gibbs, S Kamb, E Ryan

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: K Corson, S Story, J Cheevers, D Zivkovich

GUESTS PRESENT: Jason Abramoski (MSP), James Cunningham (MSP), Kurt Bronheim (Hull), Mike DiMeo (Marshfield), Richard McDermott (Braintree), Bob Gillan (Quincy), James Cunningham (MSP), Ron Mott (Norwell), Paul Milone (Weymouth)

Call to Order @ 10:03am

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike DiMeo briefed the group on two items he is working on and recommended anyone interested get in touch with him for additional information. (Video Camera coordination and Blue force tracker)

Bob Gillan discussed several issues he is working on including the Intergraded Camera system for the Port of Boston. It will be modeled after the one currently used in New York. He also discussed training exercises he is working on now. They are planning an exercise focusing on a large scale aircraft accident. Command Staff table top to be held on 5/1/15, full scale response portion to be on 5/2/15.

Bob Gillan handed out a copy of a letter to Elisabeth Ryan. (Exhibit 012215-1)

MINUTES OF 11/20/14:

Motion by J Gibbs, 2nd by G Fraser to accept as printed.

Unanimously Voted

WEBSITE UPDATE:

C Hunter explained what progress has been made regarding access to and posting on the EOPSS web site under the HTC. Access issues have been worked out and items of interest are now posted including old minutes, addenda, meeting dates, ETC.

COURSE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

C Hunter stated the working group has met with Jack Wiggins of Urban Harbors. We are in the process of providing him information regarding the element 3 courses so they can be updated and all put in a similar format for teaching. The working group will continue to meet with Urban Harbors at least twice a month and report back to the council. R Akin stated the NASBLA courses will not be given out as they proprietary in nature.

OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT UPDATE:

E Ryan discussed her response to the complaint which was included in the agenda packets. She wished to reiterate no violations of the Open Meeting Law took place and the matter is now closed. She further stated the primary complaint was the lack of a dedicated web site which is not required under the statute.

WAIVER/EXEMPTION REQUESTS:

Patrick Logan (Plymouth)

Motion: G Fraser, 2nd J Gibbs to grant a 270 waiver as requested.

Unanimously Voted

Kevin Janielis (Winthrop)

R Lesch, 2nd J Gibbs to approve exemption subject to proof of completion of harbormaster related training courses.

Unanimously Voted

Dennis DeCarney (Winthrop)

Motion: J Gibbs, 2nd G Fraser to grant a 270 waiver instead of an exemption.

A discussion took place regarding his law enforcement training. It was agreed that Sherriff Academy is not equivalent to the MPTC Reserve/Intermittent Academy which is required by the HTC.

Unanimously Voted

Stephen Mone (Mashpee)

Motion: G Fraser, 2nd R Akin to grant another 270 waiver.

Unanimously Voted

Roy Charles Martinsen and Sarah Brooks (Falmouth)

Motion: R Akin, 2nd J Gibbs to recognize both for completion of the all the requirements for initial training.

6 Approved, G Fraser Abstained.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

G Fraser asked for guidance from the council regarding the NASBLA courses and Urban Harbors. It was determined they do not need to work on these courses as they are already available and constantly updated by the coast guard and NASBLA. R Akin will provide the Vessel Theft course in electronic format to give to Urban Harbors.

R Lesch mentioned the North Shore is currently offering training every Tuesday night for those who are working toward completion of Element 3.

R Akin asked about associations issuing their own certificates once an individual has met all the requirements of the HTC Initial training program. E Ryan suggested this was too important to be dealt with under member comments and should be place on a future agenda as a stand-alone item for full consideration. It was agreed the first step would be to review the training requirements again, this item will be placed on next month's agenda.

C Hunter mentioned the CIHMA just completed the BCM course in Chatham. R Akin stated he will be conducting a BUI class on the Cape in April. G Fraser mentioned another EVOC class has been scheduled in May down in Harwich.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 25, 2015, Weymouth Police Station, 10:00am

MOTION: G Fraser, 2nd J Gibbs to adjourn at 10:55am
Unanimously Voted

Respectfully Submitted,
Gregg Fraser - Clerk

HARBORMASTER TRAINING COUNCIL

Plymouth Yacht Club

May 14, 2015

10:00am

Members Present: C Hunter (Chairman), R Lesch (V-Chairman), S Kamb, R Akin, G Fraser, S Story, D Zivkovich, S Hickey

Members Not Present: J Cheevers, J Gibbs, K Corson

Guests Present: James Cunningham (MSP), Derek Dawson (Barnstable)

Called to Order @ 10:10am

Public Comments: None

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MOTION: G Fraser, 2nd R Akin to accept minutes as printed
All in favor with one abstention. (Dan Zivkovich)

Course Development: C Hunter updated to council on discussion with Urban Harbors. The Seaport Grant money has been deposited in the trust account at EOPPS for our use. Will request an update from Urban Harbors for the next meeting. Procurement will be worked out as no bidding should be required with another state agency.

Certification Discussion: The members had a lengthy discussion regarding the certificate language and issuance guidelines for people who have met the training requirements.

MOTION: R Akin, 2nd D Zivkovich for the council to issue the certificates with wording that mirrors the MPTC certificate language.

Members discussed the requests to have "certified harbormaster" terminology on the certificates.

C Hunter had a copy of the language already approved by the council during the October 2014 meeting.

R Akin withdrew his motion.

MOTION: R Akin, 2nd S Story to use the wording already approved on 11/14/14 and have the HTC issue the certificates.

Wording is as follows:

Massachusetts Harbormaster Training Council

Hereby certifies

(Name)

Has successfully completed all requirements set forth by the Harbormaster Training Council for initial harbormaster training in accordance with MGL Chapter 102, Section 19A.

Unanimously Voted

Training Bulletin: C Hunter discussed the 2015 bulletin and asked for any requested changes. In-service update will be modified to clarify the 20hrs of harbormaster related training shall include CPR and First Aid. It was noted the requirement does not include First Responder as this is a 24hr course.

S Story requested the bulletin list the training requirements by element since we have been doing so in the past.

MOTION: S Story, 2nd R Akin to approve the 2015 training bulletin as amended.
Unanimously Voted

Member Comments:

R Akin: BCM training in Boston is scheduled for June 1-5. Also he has an upcoming 3 day BUI, June 22-24th. All requests for MEP training should be directed to Courtney Livingston in the Bourne office.

G Fraser: NASBLA EVOC course sponsored by the CIHMA is scheduled for May 18-20th.

S Story asked about adopting a remote meeting participation policy.

C Hunter: Mentioned he attended the MHA Annual meeting and it was very successful.

Next Meeting Date:

Tentatively set for June 5, 2015 in Boston. Place is TBD. (11:00am start)

MOTION: S Story, 2nd R Lesch to adjourn at 11:35am.
Unanimously Voted

Respectfully Submitted,
Gregg Fraser
HTC Clerk